

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Prior to the present communication, claims 1-5, 7-15, 18-25, and 28-30 were pending in the subject application. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14, 18-25, and 28-30 have been amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-15, 18-25, and 28-30 remain pending. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the above-identified application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized system, including a computing device with computer memory containing computer-executable instructions for managing clinically related supply procurement, comprising:

a first interface to receive patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising items used by care providers and/or consumed to treat one or more patients during a clinical event;

a second interface to receive care provider preference data for said clinical event from the at least one clinically related site; ~~and~~

an analytic engine, the analytic engine communicating with the first interface and the second interface, the analytic engine generating an analytic report showing a percentage of the care providers that use a clinical item supplied by a particular vendor during the clinical event ~~also comparing alternative supply selection options for an item based on prices supplied by at least two vendors items equivalent to those in the patient supply data and the care provider preference data, the analytic engine also generating analytic reports that compare the alternative supply selection options; and~~

the display device to display a graphical user interface showing the analytic report.

2. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 1, wherein the patient supply data further comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

3. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 1, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

4. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 1, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.

5. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 4, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 1, further comprising the analytic report showing the percentage of the care providers that use the clinical item supplied by the particular vendor during the clinical event compared to the percentages of care providers that use clinical items supplied by one or more different vendors during the clinical event ~~analytic engine comparing the alternative supply selection options based on volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 7 ~~4~~, further comprising the ~~analytic engine~~ analytic report comparing the price of the clinical item supplied by the particular vendor and the one or more different vendors based on volumetric pricing information ~~comparing the alternative supply selection options based on correspondence ratings between the care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 1, further comprising the analytic report showing the percentage of the care providers that use the clinical item supplied by the particular vendor during the clinical event ~~analytic engine comparing the alternative supply selection options with the patient supply data~~ broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, and cost ranges.

10. (Currently Amended) A computerized system according to claim 1, wherein the care provider preference data is updated according to updated clinical supply policies.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for managing clinically related supply procurement, comprising:

receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising items used ~~and/or consumed~~ by care providers to treat one or more patients during a clinical event;

performing comparisons between alternative supply selections, wherein the comparisons comprise ~~volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections from two or more vendors and~~ percentages of care providers that use a clinical item supplied by different vendors during the clinical event;

generating a comparative report that shows the alternative supply selections ~~from two or more vendors~~; and

~~storing~~ displaying the comparative report on a graphical user interface.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the patient supply data further comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, further comprising receiving care provider preference data for said clinical event, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein the comparative report comprises price comparisons of the clinical item supplied by the different vendors based on volumetric pricing information ~~correspondence ratings between care provider preference data and alternative vendor supply selections.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, further comprising a step of generating comparative reports showing the percentages of care providers that use the clinical item supplied by different vendors during the clinical event broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, and cost ranges.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~11~~ 14, further comprising a step of updating the care provider preference data according to updated clinical supply policies.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media having computer executable instructions embodied thereon for performing a~~ A method for generating a clinically related supply policy, the method comprising:

receiving care provider preference data for a clinical event from a plurality of care providers, wherein the care provider preference data includes a clinical item used to treat a patient during the clinical event;

~~receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising items used and/or consumed during a clinical event;~~

~~performing comparisons between alternative supply selections, wherein the comparisons comprise~~ showing a percentage of the care providers that prefer the clinical item supplied by a particular vendor based on the care provider preference data ~~volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections;~~

~~generating a comparative report that shows~~ the comparisons ~~alternative supply selections; and~~

~~storing~~ displaying the comparison report on a graphical user interface.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 21, wherein the ~~patient supply data further~~ clinical item comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 21, wherein the care provider preference data is retrieved from a clinically related site, the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 21, ~~further comprising receiving care provider preference data for said clinical event from the at least one clinically related site~~, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 24, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 21, wherein the comparative report further comprises ~~correspondence ratings between~~ care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 21 24, wherein ~~the method further comprises generating~~ the comparative reports is broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~One or more computer readable media~~ The method according to claim 21 24, wherein the method further comprises updating the care provider preference data according to updated clinical supply policies.